



## Climate change and infectious diseases

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### Abstract:

Catastrophes caused by flooding, hurricanes or persistent drought, mild winters and hot summers have given rise to a situation whereby the media are dominated by catchphrases such as global warming and climate change, which are constantly debated by politicians and are also the focus of everyday discussion. The outlook for next few decades is threatening: a rise in the sea level due to melting of the polar ice caps, persistent periods of drought, forest fires, decline in global production of foodstuffs, extinction of certain species and, not least, the spread of infectious diseases.

**Source:** <http://www.who.int/globalchange/environment/en/chapter6.pdf>

### Resource Description

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Temperature

**Temperature:** Fluctuations

#### Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

#### Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

#### Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Infectious Disease

**Infectious Disease:** Vectorborne Disease

**Vectorborne Disease:** Mosquito-borne Disease

**Mosquito-borne Disease:** Chikungunya, Dengue, Malaria, West Nile Virus

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## Medical Community Engagement:

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

## Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

## Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified